MYSORE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Thursday, 21st December 1967

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore-1, at One of the Clock.

MR. SPEAKER [SRI B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA, B.A., B.L.] in the Chair.

MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

(Announcement)

MR. SPEAKER.—I report to the House that a message has been received from the Legislative Council that the following Bills passed by this House during the current session and transmitted to the Legislative Council, have been passed by the Legislative Council without any amendments :—

(i) The City of Bangalore Municipal Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 1967 ;

(ii) The Motor Vehicles (Mysore Amendment) Bill, 1967 ;

(iii) The Mysore Ayurvedic and Unani Practitioners' Registration and Medical Practitioners' Miscellaneous Provisions (Amendment) Bill, 1967 ;

(iv) The Mysore Local Authorities (Postponment of Elections and Continuation of Administrators) (Repealing) Bill, 1967 ;

(v) The Karnatak University (Amendment) Bill, 1967.

CALL ATTENTION NOTICE ON A MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE *re* : THE SITUATION AT RAICHUR DUE TO ENHANCEMENT OF RATES IN HOTELS AND MANHANDLING THE STUDENTS, SAFEGUARDING THE PROPERTY OF THE HOTEL OWNERS.

SRI M. NAGAPPA (Raichur).—Sir, before it is taken up I want to speak a few words.

MR. SPEAKER.—You can only mention the matter and then a statement would be made.

Sri M. NAGAPPA.—Sir, as per rule 63(2) there shall be no debate. So before I call attention, I want to speak about certain facts. About this matter there is a precedence. In the Legislative Assembly in Andhra, the Speaker there has ruled that :

> "Hereafter only the mover will be allowed three minutes. There will be no debate. The rule does not specifically say that no member shall be permitted. Hereafter the convention will be as follows : In all these cases members giving notice shall be given three minutes and then the minister will reply."

So, I humbly submit that similar thing be adopted here also.

Mr. SPEAKER. It will create a bad precedent here. I am not allowing it. The Minister has got the statement ready.

Sri M. NAGAPPA —Unless the facts are brought to notice the statement will become one-sided. Let me explain in a few words. I will not take much time.

Mr. SPEAKER.— It becomes a precedent.

Sri M. NAGAPPA —I call the attention of the Minister for Home and Labour to the failure of Government in not controlling the situation that occurred at Raichur due to enhancement of rates in hotels and manhandling the students, safeguarding the property of the hotel owner.

Sri B. D JATTI (Minister for Food and Civil Supplies).—Sir, consequent on the partial decontrol of sugar, some leading hotels of Raichur increased the rates of coffee and tea by two paise from the existing rates of 23 paise and 18 paise respectively. The rates of the sweets were also increased from 40 paise to 50 paise. This was resented by the students of local colleges and schools.

On 5th December 1967 students representatives, some hotel owners and Shri M. Nagappa Basappa, M.L.A., Raichur met the Deputy Commissioner and after discussion the hotel owners agreed on the advice of the Deputy Commissioner, to increase the prices of coffee and tea by one paise instead of two paise.

On 6th December 1967, 25 students of L.V.D. College, Raichur took out a peaceful procession protesting against the increase.

On 7th December 1967, 700 students of local colleges took out a peaceful procession at 10.30 A.M. protesting against the increase in the rates of coffee and tea. They decided not to go to classes till the prices were reduced. On the same day at about 4 P.M a group of college and high school students numbering about 50 sporadically indulged in lawless acts near the Malabar Hotel, Anand Bhavan and New Krishna Cafe damaging show cases tube lights and glass tumblers. The Police intervened and brought the situation under control In this connection three cases were registered in Sadar Bazaar Police Station (Cr. Nos. 1, 3 and 101 of 67) and Somwar Pet Police Station Cr. No. 53/67) under section 147/427 I.P C. and 12 students who took leading part, were arrested and released on bail.

On 8th December 1967 at about 10-30 A.M. about 500 students of local colleges, polytechnic and high schools took out a procession from L.V.D College to the office of the Deputy Commissioner, and their representatives numbering 7, met the Deputy Commissioner. The Deputy Commissioner assured them that the Hotel owners will reduce the enhanced rates by one paise in respect of tea and coffee as agreed to by the hotel owners on 5th December 1967. He further informed them that he would be issuing special allotment of sugar to the canteens attached to the Educational Institutions and Industrial Training Institutions, so that they might get coffee, tea and eatables in those canteens at prices prevailing prior to the partial decontrol of sugar. On the assurance of the Deputy Commissioner, the procession ended peacefully.

From 9th December 1967 onwards all the educational institutions are working with full complement.

From 5th December 1967 to 9th December 1967, all precautionary measures were taken by the police to maintain law and order and to protect the public property. Police never interfered with the peaceful procession of the students. It is only on the afternoon of 7th December 1967 when a group of about 50 students attempted to take law into their own hands and indulged in acts of rowdyism the police had no other alternative but to effectively intervene and bring the situation under control.

MR. SPEAKER.—Regarding the point raised by Sri M. Nagappa, I do not accept that ruling is to prevail here because you will be doing certain things which will go into the records and it will be reported in the Press. They may or may not be able to meet the points because the statement is already prepared. If it is contradicted or partially accepted, it will lead to a rather awkard situation. Still, if the hon'ble Member wishes to take any further steps, I will examine it.

Member's Representation

† SRI H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Sir, as a representative of my constituency, I have to make a representation to you. I received a message from the owner of a lorry service called Sujaya Ramesh Narayan Nayak, Transport Contractor, Mangalore. It seems that on 11th December 1967 this lorry which was coming from Bombay and was proceeding to Mangalore was stopped at Harihar and some mamool was asked by the police at Harihar at 1 A.M. Because mamool was not paid, the police followed them in a van, took them to the police station, put the lorry driver and the conductor into the lock-up and mercilessly beat them and in the morning the Sub Inspector came and sent them away without making enquiries. These kinds of things are becoming the order of the day. Fortunately, this Assembly is in session and I could bring

†Indicates that the speeches or remarks have not been revised by the member concerned.